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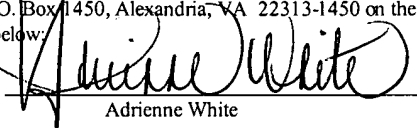
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Transmitted herewith is the Amendment & Response to Office Action dated December 5, 2003, for this application.

The Applicants are other than a small entity.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

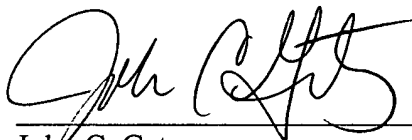
The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining	Highest No. Paid For	Extra	Small Entity	Large Entity
Total	74	164	x	\$ 9 = \$	\$ 18 = \$
Independent	20	14	x 6	\$ 43 = \$	\$ 86 = \$ 516
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				\$ 145 = \$	\$ 290 = \$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE					\$ 516.00

A check in the amount of \$516.00 for additional claims is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required (except the issue fee) while this application is pending, to Deposit Account No. 10-0447 (47171-00267USC1). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for that purpose.

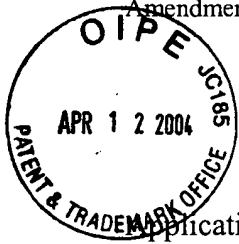
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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED DECEMBER 5, 2003

Commissioner:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2003. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by March 5, 2004. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time, extending the response date to April 5, 2004. Please enter the following claim amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 21 of this paper.

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